

## CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

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In late January 1953 a rubber study group, organized by the Chinese Communist central authorities, arrived on Hainan Island to inspect Hainan rubber plantations.<sup>1</sup> The results of the inspection, announced at an informal rubber industry meeting at Haik'ou (N 20-03, E 110-20), were as follows:

- a. Rubber production on Hainan Island had been brought completely under state operation, and the Chinese Communist Hainan Rubber Administration controlled the production and marketing of all island rubber.
- b. In late January the rubber production was approximately 20 percent higher than any previous figure. About 100 piculs<sup>2</sup> of Hainan rubber blocks were being produced each month. Island rubber reclamation work had been intense for two years; however, lack of skilled rubber reclamation workers had been a deterrent to island rubber production.
- c. The principal future tasks of the industry were to be the rehabilitation of old and the opening of new plantations. Rubber plantations to be opened were to cover an area of 10,000 mou<sup>3</sup> and were to be in the following hsien: Paoting (N 18-40, E 109-32), Lotung (N 18-54, E 109-10), and Yai (N 18-24, E 109-01). Old plantations already rehabilitated covered an area of 140,000 mou and were in the following hsien: Nata (N 19-30, E 109-26), Wench'ang (N 19-42, E 110-42), Shihpi (N 19-15, E 110-12), and Chiachi (N 19-20, E 110-24). Five year shoots, instead of eight year shoots, were being used experimentally in the planting of new rubber trees.

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and opening of new plantations on Hainan Island in the  
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2. One picul is equal to .0402 of a long ton.
3. One mou is equal to .1647 of an acre.

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